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NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS PURSUANT  
TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2)

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

The present application was originally filed with an Assignment to YUKI GOSEI KOGYO CO., LTD., a small entity. YUKI GOSEI KOGYO CO., LTD. and NOVARTIS AG are now co-Assignees. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 (g)(2), Applicants are hereby notifying the U.S.P.T.O. of the change of status resulting in the loss of entitlement to small entity status. Such a notification must be made prior to paying, or at the time of paying the Issue Fee.

However, even though Applicants are no longer entitled to small entity status, small entity fees may continue to be paid, and will be continued to be paid in the present application until the payment of the Issue Fee. In this regard, Applicants refer to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27 (g)(1), as well as MPEP § 509.03(VII), titled "Removal of Status", which states that:

Once small entity status is established in an appropriate application or patent, fees as a small entity may thereafter be paid in that application or patent without regard to a change in status until the issue fee is due or any maintenance fee is due. 37 CFR 1.27(g)(1).

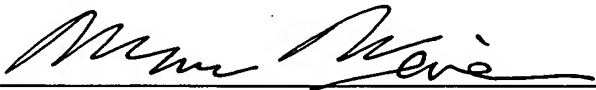
Accordingly, Applicants have complied with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2). Further, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(1) and MPEP 509.03 (VII), small entity fees will continued to be paid up until the payment of the Issue Fee.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this application, the Examiner is requested to contact Craig A. McRobbie, (Reg. No. 42,874) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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